

Meet Referee / Deck Referee / Admin Referee

What you need to know

- Know the rules and understand them
- Read the meet information several times and understand them
 - How are events being swum – slow to fast / fast to slow / alternating gender / fastest heats at night, etc.
 - Pull out key points and make notes for discussion or clarification at the coaches meeting
 - What do you want to stress or clarify to the coaches
 - What questions need to be discussed or decided at the meeting (example – Breaks)
 - Review the Georgia Scratch rule / understand how its applied
- Know the purpose of the meet – is it a Saturday Special / a scored championship / opportunity to make cuts

What you need to carry

- Have a Rule Book with you at all times
- Carry necessary forms
- Carry DQ slips
- Don't assume that the club or host will have these things – know where to find them if you don't have them

How you need to behave

- Stay calm and in control
- Set the tone and the pace for the meet and communicate that to your staff (Deck Referee / Starter)
 - Take your time / Fly over starts / double ended chase starts / mind the timeline – or don't worry about it
 - Let the size of the meet and the type of meet dictate the best way to run it
- Make your major policy decisions for the meet and communicate those to all officials ahead of time
 - How do you want them to handle missed swims?
 - How to handle questions from coaches
 - How do you want them to communicate DQ's
 - Who do you want to write them up
 - Deck set / Jurisdiction / protocols / etc.
 - will be dictated by the number of officials you have
 - the number of lanes
 - the size of the meet and the events being swum
- Don't argue philosophy – site the rules!!
- Don't argue or try to bluff your way out of a question from a coach. If you don't know the answer – say you'll look into it and get back to them with the answer
- Mentor those around you